

Water Safety

The summer holidays come round before we know it! During the summer holidays and in particular in hot weather, increasing numbers of children put themselves at risk of drowning. On average 40-50 children drown per year in the UK. Schools can play their part in ensuring children understand how to keep themselves safe in and around water by delivering key water safety messages and developing the relevant skills as part of their PSHE curriculum and whole school assemblies.



This could include the water safety code to enable them to spot the dangers of water; understanding safety advice for example learning about water safety signs and the flags you should look out for on the beach and learning the necessary skills to help themselves or others in emergency situations.

ROSPA (The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) provide an excellent website with a vast range of information and activities to support schools and parents in raising awareness of water safety with children and young people. This includes downloadable water safety fact sheets, quizzes and links to further information and resources.

For further information www.rospea.com

Water Safety Code

1. Spot the dangers
2. Take advice
3. Don't go alone
4. Learn how to help